

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 8 and ending on page 9, line 4 as follows:

Figures 3A and 3B depict an embodiment of a self-aligning sensor assembly of this invention. The self-aligning sensor assembly 10 includes a rigid bracket 18 including a first block 26 having a female portion 27. A sensor 12 is associated with sensor bracket 20 which is in the form of a block that has a male portion 29. First block 26 includes a central aperture 30 and second block 20 includes a central aperture 31. A flexible assembly 32 is located in central aperture 30 and central aperture 31 and flexibly unites first block 26 with second block 20. Flexible assembly 32 includes a flexible link 33 in the form of a bungee cord that has a first end 34 that is associated with a first stop 36. Flexible link 33 further includes a second end 38 associated with a second stop 40. First stop 36 and second stop 40 may be associated with first end 34 and second end 38 by any manner known in the art. For example, first end 34 and second end 38 may be adhesively attached to flexible link 32, they may be attached using a set screw, they may be chemically welded, they may be crimped to flexible cable 32, or they may be attached by any other method or apparatus known in the art for reversibly or irreversibly associating flexible link 33 with a base or with a stationary object such as a bracket. The combination of flexible link 33, first stop 36 and second stop 40 forms flexible assembly 32. The purpose of the flexible assembly 32 is to flexibly unite the first block 26 with second block 20 under tension.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 16 and ending on page 11, line 1 as

follows:

In operation, flexible assembly 32 retains first block 26 motionless against second block 20. If sensor 12 or second block 20 is jarred, flexible assembly 32 flexes to allow second block 20 to move in relationship to first block 26. After being jarred, the sensor is realigned by flexible assembly 32 which draws male portion 29 of second block 20 towards female portion 27 of first block 26 thereby realigning sensor 12 in the precise position that it was in before being jarred. Rigid bracket 18 and first block 20 do not need to be in block form or associated with a block as shown in Figures 3A and 3B. Instead, rigid bracket 18 and first block 20 may be manufactured as a flattened material such as a piece of flat metal or plastic or the bracket may be a combination of a flattened material and a block material. Alternatively, one of the brackets may be replaced by a rigid spring as shown in Figures 8A-8C. Examples of useful rigid brackets 18 and sensor brackets 20 are shown in Figures 4A-4C and 5A-5B. The brackets shown in Figures 4A-4C and 5A-5B may be used either as rigid bracket 18 or as a sensor bracket 20. For purposes of this invention, the shape of the bracket is unimportant as is whether the female or male portion is located on ~~the~~ a rigid bracket or on a sensor bracket. What is important is that at least one bracket includes a female portion 27 and that the complimentary bracket includes a male portion 29. The brackets shown in Figures 4 and 5 further include a first aperture 48 and a second aperture 50. First aperture 48 and second aperture 50 are sized to fit a screw or some other attaching device attaches the bracket either to a sensor 12 or to a garage door track 16 or wall 17. Second aperture 50 is a slotted aperture that allows the bracket to be adjusted in one plane thereby allowing the installer to align the transmitting and receiving sensors 12 and 12'. Once the sensors are aligned, the screw or other attaching device is securely attached to the sensor or to the garage door wall or garage door track to prevent further movement of sensor 12. The

brackets shown in Figures 4 and 5 also include aperture 51 associated with the male or female bracket portion. Aperture 51 should be of a size sufficient to allow a portion of flexible assembly 32 to pass through aperture 51 in order to apply tension to flexible assembly 32.